

Sept. 12th, 2020
24th Sunday Ordinary Time

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Sirach 27:30-28.7:

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults. The Word of the Lord. . .

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103

R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. R.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. R.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. R.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me

to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother/sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. . .



Mass Time Remains at 4pm.

Fr. Paul and the Leadership Team have decided to continue to reach as many people as possible, it is best to continue the Mass every Saturday at 4pm.

Update on Religious Education Program

We were hoping to join forces with St. Bernardine Parish to provide a virtual program for our children but that doesn't look like the case. Fr. Paul will be looking at ways in which we can continue to serve our children here with an emphasis this year on Sacramental Prep.

In the meantime, Fr. Paul is asking that all parents of school aged children to **PLEASE** call Barbara to register your child for Religious Education Classes beginning in September. We are moving toward an online curriculum for our children and it will be very helpful to see how many children we will be serving. Call ASAP 410-367-9918 Monday or Wednesday between 9:30am and 5pm.

Reminders:

Parish Office Open Mondays and Wednesday from 9:30am to 5pm **Tithes:** Online at website: www.saintambrose.com. You may mail them to the rectory or you may drop them at the box on the front steps of the rectory or during Monday and Wednesday office hours.

Census 2020

Everyone should have received the form in the mail for the census. If not, visit my2020census.gov to begin. You may also call 844-330-2020 to complete or ask any questions.

Voter Registration NOW!

Go to elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration to register to vote or call 410-269-2840 or 1-800-222-8683.

Tithes for last week:
Sept. 5th : \$4,330.00

**Dear God,
Today I woke up.
I am healthy.
I am alive.
Thank You.**

4pm Mass Intentions for the Month

Sept. 12th, **Mrs. Ella Thornton**, first anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving family.

Sept. 19th, Mr. Eugene C. Kernan, requested by Sr. Elizabeth Buettner, SSND

Sept. 26th, Mr. Quintin Goods, deceased friend of Ms. Faye Augins.

Oct. 3rd, Mrs. Josepha Njimbong, deceased sister of Mrs. Veronica Zeh

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

Update on

Work Progressing

Work on the new ramp in front of the rectory is near completion. This is part of our next phase of our *Embracing the Mission Campaign*, the ADA ramp at the front entrance of the rectory. Addition work is needed to complete the ramp, i.e. the new railing and landscaping in front of the rectory. . Thanks to all who contribute to the campaign, it is making a difference in the parish.



**Congratulation to our Confirmation
Candidates & RCIA Elect who will be
Confirmed today!**



**Benson Blake, VI
Blessing F. Nkang Zeh
Falone Motouom Dim**

Robert Allen (RCIA)

**Robert will receive his First Communion and
Confirmation**

**Come Holy Spirit, fill them with the
power of your love!**



In Need of Healing Prayer

Mica Adderly, Karen Brown-Berkley, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, William Ford III, Sarah Gamble, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Joseph Jones, Alice Manns, Kimberly Merrill, Almeda Proctor, Ronnie Redmond, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Jean Thomas, and Jenice Young.



Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for:

Benson Blake, VI
Blessing F. Nkang Zeh
Falone Motouom Dim

And the First Communion and Confirmation of our Elect:

Mr. Robert Allen

HOLY SPIRIT, CONFIRM IN ME...

God's acceptance and love for me just as I am ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The new life of my Baptism when I became a child of God ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

The words my parents and godparents said on my behalf at Baptism ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

My closeness to Jesus each time I receive Communion... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

My desire to follow Christ more closely as his disciple ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

My acts of service and love to my family and friends ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The knowledge that God created me for greatness and to be a saint ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

My desire to pray even when I am not sure how ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

My desire to turn to God in difficult times ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

My searching faith, and the strength to stay with my questions ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The softening of my hard heart ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The assurance that God helps me find second chances ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

Your peace when I am in conflict ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The humility to give and to ask for forgiveness ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The courage to face challenges ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The desire to care for God's creation ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The generosity of heart to stand in justice with the poor ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

Your help to remember, as Jesus promised, "everything I have taught you" ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The gift of Wisdom to recognize the importance of keeping God central in my life ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

The gift of Understanding to hear and know God's voice speaking to me ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

The gift of Knowledge to explore God's revelation and the mysteries of our faith ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

The gift of Counsel to make good choices and to see the best way to follow Jesus ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

The gift of Fortitude giving me the courage to do what I know is right ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The gift of Piety helping me pray to God with a true heart ... *Holy Spirit, confirm in me.*

The gift of Awe and Wonder to be amazed by God's presence, in small ways and in big way ...

Holy Spirit, confirm in me.

Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God wants to give me very personally. Open my heart and my mind as I prepare for Confirmation. Help me to know that you are confirming all the goodness that I am, and all the goodness that I will become. Increase my desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.

